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A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government have no information. They have called for it.

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" May I know whether the information has been received ?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" No information has been received."

Proposed classification of the Bellary-Cuddapah road under Provincial roads.

* 1313 *Q.*—Mr. C. Obi Reddi : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a proposal from the President of the District Board of Anantapur to classify the Bellary-Cuddapah road under Provincial roads ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Government are considering the question of classifying the same under Provincial roads ;

(*c*) whether the said Bellary-Cuddapah road was once important as a military road ; and

(*d*) whether the Government were treating the same as one of its first-class roads, and if so, for what reasons ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes ; but the Government are unable to hold out any hope of being able to convert the road into a trunk road in the near future.

(*c*) The road has not been of any particular military importance though it was used by the military when necessary.

(*d*) A portion of the road, about 12 miles, forms part of the Madras-Bombay trunk road. The rest was never classed as a trunk road.

Action taken on the recommendations of the Roads Committee.

* 1314 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what steps are being taken to carry out the recommendations of the Roads Committee, specially as regards the conversion of trunk roads into Imperial roads and the abolition of tolls ;

(*b*) whether it is proposed to convert the newly converted Bantwal-Charmadi road into an Imperial road ;

(*c*) what steps are being taken to improve the condition of that road to meet the heavy traffic of motor lorry and motor-bus services ; and

(*d*) what amount is provided for overhauling the ghaut section of that road in the budget for 1929–30 ?

A.—(*a*) The recommendations of the Committee are now under the consideration of the Government.

(*b*) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(*c*) It is for the District Board to take steps to improve the road.

(*d*) The question is under consideration.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*b*), may I enquire whether the Government have decided to make provision in the budget for 1929–30 ?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Not at present. The question is still under consideration."